

**Introduced by Senator Machado**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 1367.665 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 797, as introduced, Machado. Health care service plans.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Under existing law, a plan contract that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after July 1, 2000, is deemed to provide coverage for cancer screening tests.

This bill would instead require a plan contract to provide coverage for these tests.

Because the bill would impose additional requirements on health care service plans, the willful violation of which is a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1.   Section 1367.665 of the Health and Safety Code  
2     is amended to read:

3     1367.665.   Every individual or group health care service plan  
4     contract, except for a specialized health care service plan contract,  
5     that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after July 1,  
6     2000, shall ~~be deemed to~~ provide coverage for all generally  
7     medically accepted cancer screening tests, subject to all terms and  
8     conditions that would otherwise apply.

9     SEC. 2.   No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
10    Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
11    the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
12    district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
13    infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
14    for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
15    the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
16    the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
17    Constitution.

